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Record of Decision:**

**MILAN ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT
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Text:

DECLARATION FOR THE RECORD OF DECISION

SITE NAME AND LOCATION

Northern Boundary Groundwater, Milan Army Ammunition Plant (MA
(Operable Unit 3)

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE

This decision document presents the selected interim remedial
Groundwater, Milan Army Ammunition Plant, Milan, Tennessee. The sel

was
chosen in accordance with the requirements of the Comprehensive Envi
Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended by the
factuall Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), and to the extent practicable, t
Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP, 40 CFR 300). This decis

basis for selecting the remedy for the Northern Boundary Groundwater
decision. This decision is based on the Administrative Record for t

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Tenn
remedy.

ASSESSMENT OF THE SITE

Actual or threatened releases of hazardous substances from thi
implementing the response action selected in this Record of Decision
and substantial endangerment to public health welfare, or the enviro

DESCRIPTION OF THE REMEDY

The goal of the cleanup activities at the northern boundary of
of explosives compounds off the facility property and reduce the lev
groundwater in this area. The remedy consists of extraction of cont
reduce the levels of explosives compounds to the effluent discharge
water to the nearby river in compliance with State regulations. Thi
downgradient edge of explosives-contaminated groundwater. The upgra
contaminated groundwater will be studied and addressed under separat

The groundwater at the northern facility boundary is part of O
consists of the northeast portion of the facility (formerly designat

the
industrial and disposal areas within OU3 is currently underway. OU3
contaminant sources than the other OUs at MAAP, which are OU1 (groun
downgradient of the O-Line Ponds) and OU2 (soil, surface water, and
area).

Response actions are presently underway to address OU1 and OU2.

The major components selected for remediating groundwater at t
as follows:

Removal of contaminated groundwater from the aquifer us

On-site treatment of extracted groundwater using filtra
and associated inorganic constituents, and granular act
the explosives compounds;

Discharge of treated groundwater to the Rutherford Fork

Groundwater monitoring and effluent monitoring to deter
effectiveness; and

Institutional controls to prevent human exposure to the

The principal threat at this site, groundwater contaminated wi
addressed by removing contaminated water from the aquifer and perman
with GAC to remove explosives contaminants. In pursuit of the overa
concentrations of explosives contaminants to levels that will be pro

proven

technology, will be used to remove explosives compounds from extract
was selected because of its known ability to reduce contaminant conc
protective of human health and its cost-effectiveness in comparison
the relatively low concentrations of explosives compounds detected i

explosives

This interim remedial action will consist of the interception
contaminated groundwater at the northern boundary of MAAP to control
compounds. Therefore, this action is expected to be consistent with

STATUTORY DETERMINATIONS

maximum

This interim action is protective of human health and the envi
State applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) fo
cost effective. This interim action utilizes permanent solutions an
extent practicable.

the

Because this remedy will result in hazardous substances remain
levels, a review will be conducted within five years after commencem
remedy continues to provide adequate protection of human health and
is an interim action ROD, review of this site and of this remedy wil
remedial alternatives for groundwater.

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Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army	
Commanding Officer, Milan Army Ammunition Plant	

Lewis D. Walker
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SUBJ: OU-3 Boundary Groundwater
Interim Action Record of Decision
Milan Army Ammunition Plant, TN, NPL Site

Dear Mr Walker:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Interim Action Record of Decision for Operable Unit 3 (OU-3) Boundary Groundwater pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986. EPA concurs with the finding and selected remedy presented in the Interim Action Record of Decision. The Army will issue a Final Record of Decision (ROD) containing the final remedial action for OU-3. The Final ROD may include this selected remedy to address all of OU-3 groundwater.

In conjunction with the action taken in this Interim ROD to correct past contamination problems, EPA would like to review with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the Milan Army Ammunition Plant (MAAP) options for minimizing and eliminating discharge of explosive contaminated waste water. The review must be done prior to the re-issuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the Milan facility in the next year.

Sincerely,

John H. Hankinson
Regional Administrator

cc: Commissioner J. A. Luna,
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Dear Mr. Walker:

RE: 27-505 Milan Army Ammunition Plant
Interim Action Record of Decision for OU3

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has Action Record of Decision submitted September 12, 1994. This document contains containment and treatment of groundwater contaminated with explosive

OU3

northern boundary area. The Department concurs with the findings and is stated in this Record of Decision.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Sells, TDEC Project Manager at (901) 661-6204.

Sincerely,

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Director
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1.0 SITE NAME, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION

Milan Army Ammunition Plant (MAAP) is located in western Tennessee, and 28 miles north of Jackson, Tennessee (Figure 1-1). MAAP is a contractor-operated (GOCO) installation with Martin Marietta Ordnance contractor. The facility was constructed in 1941 to produce and store large-caliber ammunition. At present, the facility comprises 22,436

Of the thirteen process areas active at the end of World War II, as shown in Figure 1-2, the active process areas are distributed throughout the facility. The southern portion of the facility contains numerous storage areas where remedial action is also marked on this figure.

MAAP lies within the coastal plain province of the Mississippi Valley of the Tennessee River and east of the Mississippi River Valley. The surrounding area is gently rolling to flat. It slopes regionally westward with streams, creeks, and drainage ditches. The elevation of the plant varies from 100

boundary of the plant.

creeks Numerous perennial and ephemeral surface water features occur to the north-northwest. The entire facility, except for its extreme

and ditches to the Rutherford Fork of the Obion River. The northern well-developed, ephemeral, natural drainage bodies that join the Rut boundary of the installation. The two parent streams, the Forked De into the Mississippi River about 60 miles west of MAAP.

Groundwater is a primary source of potable and non-potable wa At MAAP, the Memphis Sand formation of the Claiborne Group is the ma thick, laterally continuous, and highly transmissive. Groundwater f the west, in the direction of regional dip of these sands, and also topographic influence. On a general scale, there are no abrupt hydr Locally, the clay lenses and clay rich zones may alter vertical grou sediments tends to make vertical conductivities lower than horizonta

conditions, The facility is located in a rural area, with agriculture bei scattered residences to the north and east of the facility boundary. residences are located north of the Rutherford Fork, which may act a shallow aquifer zones. These residences are downgradient from the t approximately 1.5 miles from the northern facility boundary. On the are located along the facility property line. These homeowners are contamination at the northern facility boundary because they are cro both areas of concern. Within the facility, the Army performs regul production wells to ensure that no contamination is present. Theref humans are not exposed to the contaminated groundwater near the nort exposures to contaminated groundwater under future land use scenario health effects if the property is developed for residential use.

2.0 SITE HISTORY AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

The initial construction of the installation was completed in operated continuously since that time. MAAP is a GOCO military indu jurisdiction of the Commanding General, Headquarters, United States Chemical Command. Presently, MAAP is operated by Martin Marietta Or current level of employment at MAAP is about 1,600 workers.

experimental MAAP facilities include thirteen active and inactive ammuniti packaging (LAP) areas (of which seven are in use at present); one wa

area; one central x-ray facility; one test area; two shop maintenance
12 aboveground, earth-covered igloo magazine storage areas; a demolition
administrative area; a family housing area; and recreational facilities
facilities, fire/ambulance stations, 10 high pressure heating/process

heating

plants, and 6 pink water treatment facilities (PWTs). There are two
the facility: Wolf Creek Ordnance Plant (WCOP) treatment plant in the
Milan Ordnance Depot (MOD) sewage treatment plant in the south. A 1
by on-site personnel while working with explosives/propellants is located
plant, a coal pile, a storage pond, and a treatment plant for coal process

In the past, industrial wastewater from various production activities
ditches that drained from sumps or surface impoundments into both in
and rivers. MAAP currently treats all process water from the industrial
contaminated wastewater in the six PWTs. This wastewater is processed

adsorption

systems and is discharged under the authority of a National Pollutant
(NPDES) permit.

In 1978, the U.S. Army Environmental Center (USAEC, formerly
Hazardous Materials Agency or USATHAMA) conducted an installation Assessment

(USAEC,

1978), which consisted of a records search and interviews with employees
wastewater from production areas, contaminated with various explosives
discharged to and observed in facility drainage ditches. However, the
migration in surface water, rather than possible infiltration from the
concluded that there was the potential for off-post migration of contaminant
concentrations.

Also in 1978, the U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency's (USAEHA)
program (USAEHA, 1978) revealed that three of MAAP's 11 water supply

with

explosives compounds. The affected wells were near a number of production

A 1983 USAEC MAAP Contamination Survey report (USAEC, 1983) concluded
contamination was migrating slowly towards the northern facility boundary

were

detected in groundwater samples from northern boundary monitoring wells

detected

concentrations were high enough to be considered hazardous. The facility
as a possible source of groundwater contamination.

In May, 1984, because of the level of contamination in the groundwater
for listing on the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is the U.S.
(EPA) list of uncontrolled hazardous substance releases in the United States
term remedial evaluation and response. Final listing on the NPL took

In 1989, the Army, EPA, and the Tennessee Department of Environment
entered into a Federal Facility Agreement under the Comprehensive Environmental
Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) Section 120 and RCRA

and

3004(v) (USEPA Region IV, et. al., 1989). The purpose of this agreement

environmental impacts at the site are investigated and that remedial health, welfare, and the environment.

The In 1990-1991, the USAEC conducted a Remedial Investigation (R
RI was conducted to identify the type, concentration, and extent of
All of the existing and newly-installed monitoring wells along the n
during the RI. One of these groundwater samples contained explosives compo
9-33 æg/L. Upon resampling this well in the summer of 1993, the con
the groundwater sample was 68.1 æg/L. Due to this increase, and due to
compounds in other boundary monitoring wells, the Army has been acce
groundwater quality at the northern boundary.

To respond as rapidly as possible to potential off-site migra
contaminated groundwater at the northern facility boundary, the Army
at the northern facility boundary while further investigation of oth
1994,
1994a).
a Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) of the northern boundary groundwat
The purpose of the FFS was to identify remedial technologies that ar
of mitigating the risks posed by contaminated groundwater at the nor
the information gathered and presented in the FFS report, the Army h
contaminated northern boundary groundwater. The rationale behind se
presented to the public in a Proposed Plan (USAEC, 1994b).

3.0 HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

The RI report for MAAP was released to the public in December
meeting held during the same month. The FFS report and Proposed Pla
groundwater were released to the public on July 1, 1994. All of the
information about environmental studies at MAAP, are available in bo
the
Fields information repository maintained at the Army Chief Engineer's Offic
Library, Milan, TN. The notice of availability of these documents w
Exchange on June 22, 1994 and the Jackson Sun on June 22, 1994.

A 30-day public comment period was held from July 1, 1994 thro
a public meeting was held on Tuesday, July 12, 1994. At that meetin
EPA,
and the TDEC answered questions about problems at the site and the r
consideration. Comments and responses from the July 12, 1994, Publi
the meeting transcription, which is included in the Responsiveness S

This decision document presents the selected remedial action
facility boundary, MAAP, Milan, TN. The remedial action has been ch
CERCLA,
as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 19
practicable, the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Con
decision

for this site is based on the Administrative Record.

4.0 SCOPE AND ROLE OF OPERABLE UNIT OR RESPONSE ACTION

Past disposal practices at MAAP have resulted in soil and groundwater contamination at the facility. The goal of the overall cleanup activities at MAAP and at the facility is to reduce the levels of contaminants to concentrations that are protective of human health and the environment. Effects will result from future use of the facility and/or any off-site releases as a result of operations at MAAP.

The groundwater at the northern facility boundary is part of the northern boundary groundwater. It consists of the northeast portion of the facility (the area north of the facility) defined by the NCP (40 CFR 300.5) as a discrete action which is an independent action for comprehensively mitigating site problems. Further investigation of

within

OU3 is currently underway. OU3 is composed of different areas and consists of several OUs at MAAP, which are OU1 (groundwater immediately downgradient of the facility) (soil, surface water, and sediment in the O-Line Ponds area). Response actions to address OU1 and OU2.

There are two areas of concern at the northern facility boundary. One area is located in the Milan National Guard Training Area, and the western area is the Wolf Creek Ordnance Plant (WCOP) sewage treatment plant. The plant presents specific remedies that were considered for the two areas of concern at the northern facility boundary.

At present, the groundwater at the northern boundary of MAAP is contaminated. However, there are currently no restrictions in place to prevent the use of groundwater as drinking water. If the groundwater at the MAAP facility is used for drinking water, it is possible that long-term usage could potentially result in contamination. In addition, the hydrogeological information from the site indicates that

undertaken,

the contaminated groundwater will continue to migrate toward the northern boundary. The area of groundwater contamination has been separated from other areas by the Army to begin groundwater cleanup at the northern boundary prior to the OU3 area.

The clean-up objectives for groundwater at the northern boundary are to prevent contaminated groundwater from MAAP to other areas and to reduce the levels of contaminants in northern boundary groundwater. The overall strategy consists of preventing and treating it to reduce the levels of explosives compounds to concentrations in the Rutherford Fork of the Obion River. In pursuit of the overall objectives, granular activated carbon (GAC) will be used to remove explosives compounds from the extracted groundwater. This is due to its ability to adequately and economically remove explosives contaminants to effluent discharge levels.

The Army has elected to perform this phase of groundwater cleanup which allows for design, construction, and operation of a treatment system to address the OU3 groundwater contamination. After all suspected contaminants have been investigated, a final remedy will be selected for OU3 which satisfies the cleanup objectives.

levels

or provides technical data, consistent with CERCLA and the NCP, which
The practicability of aquifer restoration will be determined prior to
ROD
for OU3.

The interim remedial action will greatly reduce the potential
could result from use of the groundwater as drinking water. Treatment
explosives contaminants, thereby reducing the toxicity and volume of
addition, groundwater extraction will control the off-site migration

This interim remedial action is consistent with any planned for
the further migration of contaminated groundwater at the northern fa
concentrations of contaminants in groundwater. In addition, it will
remedies that may be implemented in the future to address other conc
groundwater remedy for OU3 will be published in a subsequent Record

5.0 SITE CHARACTERISTICS

This section provides an overview of the site characteristics
of OU3, including a summary of the hydrogeologic setting and the nat
contamination. The information presented in this section was summar
and
the FFS (USAEC, 1994a).

5.1 HYDROGEOLOGIC SETTING

The major aquifer at MAAP occurs within the Memphis Sand of t
deposits of Tertiary age in the Gulf Coastal Plain of western Tennes
unconfined aquifer is approximately 250 feet in the areas of interes
groundwater movement are the dip of the sediments, surface topograph
discharge patterns. On a regional scale, groundwater flow is genera
regional dip of these sands, and also trends northerly because of th
of the sands is estimated to be about 20 feet/mile to the northwest.
abrupt hydrologic boundaries in the aquifer. The sandy formation co
zones which may locally alter vertical groundwater flow, and stratif
make vertical conductivities lower than horizontal conductivities.

Groundwater flows in a direction perpendicular to groundwater
northern boundary of MAAP, these contour lines run roughly east-west
groundwater flow direction is toward the north. The groundwater flo
hydraulic

gradient, $i = h / L$, (i.e., the hydraulic head over a given distance
the hydraulic conductivity, K . As part of the O-Line Ponds investig
high-

rate pump tests, and a recovery test were conducted using a test ext
Line Ponds area (USAEC, 1992). The average K value from analysis of

The horizontal hydraulic gradient is very low at MAAP. Horiz
MAAP range between 0.0012 ft/ft and 0.0023 ft/ft. The hydraulic gra

estimated to be 0.0023 ft/ft because of the close proximity of this

value Effective porosity, which is the interconnected porosity in the flow of groundwater, has an average value of 20%. Based on average for the aquifer at MAAP, an average groundwater flow velocity for the calculated. Using an effective porosity of 20%, an average gradient of 57 ft/day, the average groundwater flow velocity at the northern

and Groundwater is recharged primarily by infiltration of precipitation portion of the site and, to a lesser degree, infiltration from the flow of groundwater discharges to the Rutherford Fork of the Obion River

Johns Creeks, which both flow into the Rutherford Fork. It is evident from elevations of the ground surface, the water table, and the stream surface that some flow to the surface water bodies. However, given the vertical flow, only the shallow portion of the aquifer is discharging to the surface. The remainder of the aquifer flow toward regional discharge areas. It has been estimated that groundwater in the Memphis Sand aquifer discharges to the Rutherford Fork, and the remainder likely continues to flow north.

5.2 CONTAMINATION ASSESSMENT

The remedial action specified in this ROD addresses only the northern boundary; groundwater in other areas of the facility (e.g., product storage) is addressed by separate actions. This section focuses on the levels of contamination in northern boundary groundwater.

The results of the RI (USAEC, 1991) and more recent sampling (USAEC, 1994a) indicate that the principal sources of explosives contamination in northern boundary are the drainage ditches that flow through this area. The installation contains organic contaminants, specifically the explosives 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (2,4,6-TNT), HMX, RDX, nitrobenzene, 2,4-dinitrotoluene (2,4-DNT), 1,3,5-trinitrobenzene (1,3,5-TNB), and 1,3-dinitrobenzene (1,3-DNB). Of these contaminants, RDX, 2,4-DNT, and the highest concentrations and/or pose the greatest risk.

Because drinking water wells are not currently located in the area, there is currently no risk posed to facility workers or area residents. A risk assessment (RA) conducted as part of the FFS (USAEC, 1994a) indicates that contamination in groundwater may pose a threat to human health should the area be used for residential use in the future. Contaminant migration beyond the installation boundary is not expected. The RA summarizes the results and discusses the potential routes of human and environmental exposure to contaminants in the northern boundary groundwater.

5.2.1 Summary of Remedial Investigation Results

The results of chemical analysis of groundwater samples collected indicate that explosives compounds are detectable in groundwater at

Figure

1,3,5-TNB

facility boundary of MAAP. A groundwater sample collected from moni

5-1) contained a concentration of 28.8 µg/L of RDX. Additionally, a monitoring well MI060 contained 1.49 µg/L of 2,4-DNT. The compounds

were also detected in groundwater samples collected from northern bo

5.2.2 Summary of Post-RI Sampling and Analysis

To determine the changes in contaminant concentrations over time, vertical and horizontal extent of groundwater contamination at the northern monitoring wells were installed and sampled in the fall of 1993. The results in each of the monitoring wells located on or near the northern boundary. Monitoring well locations, as well as the concentration of total explosives in groundwater samples collected from these monitoring wells in late 1993, are shown in Figure 5-2. The concentrations of metals detected in these samples are presented in Table 5-2.

These recent sample results show that groundwater contamination has increased in magnitude and extent between the 1990 RI and the present. The sample collected from MI060 (screened from 141 ft to 151 ft below ground surface) contained 1.49 µg/L of total explosives, which is more than seven times higher than the concentration of 2,4,6-TNT in well MI060 had increased from nondetectable to 26.6 µg/L; and 1,3,5-TNB had increased from nondetectable to 26.6 µg/L; and 1,3,5-TNB had increased from nondetectable to 26.6 µg/L.

RDX

had increased from nondetectable to 26.6 µg/L; and 1,3,5-TNB had increased from nondetectable to 26.6 µg/L.

TABLE 5-1
Screen Depths and Depths to Water in Northern Monitoring Wells

Well ID	Depth of Well Screen Interval (ft below ground surface)	Depth of Water (ft below ground surface)
MI029	30.00 - 60.00	3
MI140	135.00 - 145.00	4
MI025	47.00 - 77.00	4
MI141	150.00 - 160.00	5
MI142	25.00 - 35.00	3
MI143	130.00 - 140.00	3
MI059	18.05 - 28.05	1
MI060	140.78 - 150.78	1
MI061	235.20 - 245.20	1
MI030	31.50 - 61.50	1

MI137	120.00 - 130.00	1
MI046	157.00 - 177.00	1
MI047	214.50 - 234.50	1
MI111	11.00 - 21.00	1
MI023	30.00 - 60.00	3
MI051	135.00 - 155.00	4
K-100	137.00 - 188.40	3
MI105	25.00 - 35.00	2
MI146	139.40 - 149.40	3
MI107	17.00 - 27.00	1
MI138		1
MI106	22.00 - 32.00	2
MI048	27.80 - 47.80	2
MI031	31.50 - 61.50	1
MI032	40.00 - 70.00	3
MI139	130.00 - 140.00	3
MI079	44.22 - 54.22	3
MI080	38.92 - 48.92	3
MI125	15.79 - 25.79	
MI126	88.67 - 98.67	
MI127	186.5 - 196.5	2

Table 5-2
Concentrations of Explosives Compounds Measured In Nort

Samples (æg/L)

1,3,5-TNB	WELL ID	1,3-DNB 2,4,6-TNT	2,4-DNT	2,6-DNT	HMX
	K-100	7.43	6.23	<0.074	14.1
	MI023	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21
<0.635					
	MI025	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21
<0.635					
	MI029	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21
<0.635					
	MI030	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21

<0.635	MI031	<0.611	0.205	<0.074	<1.21
0.919	MI032	<0.611	0.102	<0.074	<1.21
1.43	MI046	12.0	45.3	<0.074	159.0
3340.0	MI047	<0.611	0.138	<0.074	<1.21
3.25	MI048	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21
1.28	MI051	14.5	47.0	<0.074	44.0
2630.0	MI059	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21
<0.635	MI060	<0.611	2.10	<0.074	3.23
34.6	MI061	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21
<0.635	MI079	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21
1.06	MI080	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21
<0.635	MI105	<0.46	<0.40	<0.60	<0.53
<0.43	MI106	<0.46	<0.40	<0.60	<0.53
<0.43	MI107	<0.46	<0.37(1)	<0.60	<0.53
2.74(C)	MI111	<0.46	<0.40	<0.60	<0.53
<0.43	MI125	<0.46(D)	<0.40	<0.60(D)	<0.53(D)
1.08(C,G)	<0.43(D)				

Table 5-2 (continued)
Concentrations of Explosives Compounds Measured In North

Samples (µg/L)

1,3,5-TNB	WELL ID	1,3-DNB 2,4,6-TNT	2,4-DNT	2,6-DNT	HMX
<0.43	MI126	<0.46	<0.40	<0.60	<0.53
<0.43	MI127	<0.46	<0.40	<0.60	<0.53
<0.43	MI137	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21
<0.635	MI138	<0.611	<0.169	<0.074	<1.21
1.90	MI139	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21
<0.635					

<0.635	MI140	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21
1.59	MI141	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21
<0.635	MI142	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21
<0.635	MI143	<0.611	<0.064	<0.074	<1.21
3500.0	MI146	12.6	33.2	<0.074	821.0

Notes/Data Flagging Codes:

- (1) - Results less than Certified Reporting Limit, but greater than c
- (B) - Analyte found in blank as well as sample.
- (C) - Analysis was confirmed.
- (D) - Duplicate sample or test name.
- (G) - Analyte found in rinse blank as well as sample.
- (U) - Analysis is unconfirmed.

Concentrations of Metals In Northern

Selenium	Sample ID	Arsenic	Cadmium	Chromium	Chromium	Copper
(ug/L)	Zinca	Cyanide	Date	Total	(VI)	(ug/L)
	(ug/L)	III	(ug/L)	(ug/L)	(ug/L)	
		Sampled				
		(ug/L)				
<2.5	MI030	<2.5	<4.0	7.7	<2.5	<8.1
11/11/90	8/17/93	<2.5	<4.0	<6.0	--	<8.1
8/17/93	MI031	--	<4.0	<6.0	<2.5	--
		--	<4.0	9.8	--	--
9/06/93	MI032	--	<4.0	<6.0	<2.5	--
		--	<4.0	<6.0	--	--
8/17/93	MI059	--	<4.0	<6.0	<2.5	--
		--	23	<6.0	--	--
8/18/93	MI060	--	<4.0	7.1	<2.5	--
11/30/90		<2.5	<4.0	<6.0	--	<8.1
8/18/93	MI061	--	<4.0	<6.0	<2.5	--

		--	18	6.1	--	--
10/22/93	MI079	--	<4.0	6.1	--	--
		--	<4.0	8.4	--	--
10/22/93	MI080	--	<4.0	23	--	--
		--	<4.0	<6.0	--	--
<2.5	MI137 10/19/93	<2.5	<4.0	<6.0	<2.5	<8.1
<2.5	MI139 10/20/93	<2.5	<4.0	<6.0	<2.5	<8.1

a. Values presented are for the dissolved form of the metal.

The samples collected in 1993 from MI079 showed little increase was detected at 26.2 µg/L and 2,4,6-TNT was detected at 1.06 µg/L; none since the RI.

Inorganic constituents (metals) have been detected in groundwater facility boundary, although not at levels posing a significant health concern. The concentrations of metals in the groundwater are only of concern if they can be achieved if the groundwater is extracted, treated, and discharged.

5.2.3 Extent and Distribution of Groundwater Contamination

Analysis of available sampling data indicates that there are areas of concern along the northern boundary of MAAP. These areas of concern have been designated as Areas of Concern. Further investigation of the northern boundary area is currently underway and depth of contamination prior to design of an extraction system. FFS (USAEC, 1994a) assumed that only the East and West Areas, as designated for groundwater remediation.

5.2.3.1 West Area. As presented in Figure 5-1, the West Area extends from MI059/MI060/MI061. The latest groundwater sample collected from MI061 (from 141 to 151 feet below ground surface) contained 68.1 µg/L of TNT. In this direction (cross-gradient), this area of concern extends, at a maximum, to the west to monitoring well cluster MI030/MI137 in the east. The distance between the well clusters is approximately 2,200 feet. The downgradient extent is not known, but further investigations are underway to evaluate the north-south gradient. Based on current data, it is impossible to reasonably estimate the volume of groundwater that requires remediation.

As indicated by the levels of explosives compounds detected in the West Area, groundwater contamination is also present in areas far south of the RI.

purpose of this action is to provide a means for controlling the off
area
of concern is focused on the groundwater north of Ditch C (as shown
investigations
will address the area of contaminated groundwater south of Ditch C.

Monitoring well cluster MI059/MI060/MI061 lies within the app
is likely that the concentrations of explosives compounds detected i
concentrations along the facility boundary in the West Area. Ground
shallow well and deep well within this cluster (MI059, screened from
surface),
and MI061, (screened from 235 to 245 feet below ground surface) did
above their respective detection limits. Therefore, it appears that
aquifer
is contaminated.

The contamination detected in the groundwater sample collecte
result of migration of contaminated water from Ditch C, near monitor
C
has received wastewater from Lines B and D, as well as sanitary effl
plant.
The groundwater in this area of the ditch is contaminated with high
sample collected from MI046 had 6,180 æg/L of total explosives) and
of the MI059/MI060/MI061 well cluster.

5.2.3.2 East Area. As presented in Figure 5-1, the second ar
National Guard Training Area. It includes monitoring well MI031 and
MI079/MI080. The groundwater sample collected from MI079 (screened

ground surface) contained 27.3 æg/L of total explosives. In general
compounds in shallow wells increase as the distance to Ditch 7 decre
the source of the contamination. This ditch received untreated wast
became inactive in the 1970s. The groundwater sample collected from
in this area (MI139) did not contain explosives compounds above thei
Therefore, it appears from available data that only the shallow zone
7 contains explosives compounds.

In the cross-gradient direction (east-west), the area of cont
approximately 1,500 feet wide. Further investigations are underway
contamination. With current data, the volume of contaminated ground
concern
that requires remediation cannot be reasonably estimated.

Because the purpose of the study is to evaluate the options f
of contaminants, the southern extent of the area of contaminated gro
On the north side, the area extends an unknown distance north of the

Monitoring well cluster MI107/MI138 is located immediately do
Groundwater
samples collected from these wells contained very low levels of expl
data indicate that the groundwater underlying the area between Ditch
with significant levels of explosives compounds.

6.0 SUMMARY OF SITE RISKS

A risk assessment consists of an evaluation of the types and pathways by which receptors could potentially be exposed to these co carcinogenicity of the contaminants. A quantitative estimate of the potential effects to occur in the future can be constructed from these data. In estimating the risk made that no remedial action would be taken to address contamination; the referred to as a baseline risk assessment. The main focus of the baseline risk assessment is potential risks associated with the use of, and exposure to, untreated groundwater within the boundary of MAA. The complete baseline risk assessment can be found in Section 3 (1994a).

As discussed in Section 1.0, there are scattered residences located north of the Rutherford Fork and at a distance of approximately 1.5 miles from the facility because they are cross-gradient and/or upgradient from areas of contamination. Homeowners of the east side of the facility are not at risk from the contamination. Within the facility, the Army performs regular monitoring of the potable groundwater to ensure that no contamination is present. Therefore, under current conditions, there is no contaminated groundwater.

Homeowners in this area of western Tennessee tend not to install a well than necessary to obtain sufficient quantities of water. The high permeability of the aquifer results in adequate well yield even at shallow depths within the aquifer. The results made in the baseline risk assessment that on-site residents would be exposed to contaminants that have been detected in samples from intermediate and shallow aquifer within the boundary.

To evaluate the potential risks posed by all organic and inorganic chemicals, wells were sampled in August and November of 1993. These are the most recent samples of groundwater at the northern facility boundary; therefore, the baseline risk assessment is based on these data.

The first task of the baseline risk assessment was to summarize the results of the sampling at the northern boundary. Chemicals of potential concern were selected based on organic chemicals and those inorganic chemicals that were not within natural background concentrations.

Chemicals that were the focus of the baseline risk assessment included 2,4,6-trinitrophenol (TNP), 1,3,5-trinitrobenzene (TNB),

2,4,6-TNT, and chromium. Each of these chemicals was carried through the in the baseline risk assessment. In addition to the chemicals that were the focus of the assessment, some organic chemicals and metals were detected in the three analyses were conducted, and also were carried through the baseline risk

Toxicity information was compiled for each chemical of potential toxicity of each chemical as represented by quantitative oral toxicity factors used to estimate risks. The toxicity/carcinogenicity criteria were integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) and Health Effects Assessment Summary Table

A reasonable maximum exposure (RME) case was evaluated in the RME case was evaluated in order to place a conservative upper-bound on the meaning that the risk estimate is unlikely to be underestimated but it may be overestimated. For carcinogens and potential adverse effects for noncarcinogens were calculated for the ingestion pathway, as described below. Carcinogenic risks were compared to the

range for remedial planning at Superfund sites of 1×10^{-4} to 1×10^{-6} , hazard indices were compared with a hazard index of 1.0. Hazard indices greater than 1.0 indicate potential for adverse health effects.

Currently, consumption of groundwater at the northern boundary where people do not presently live in this area, there are no restrictions that provide an indication of possible future risks associated with exposure to contamination along the northern boundary, a future land-use scenario was evaluated that assumed groundwater along the northern MAAP boundary.

6.1 RESULTS OF THE RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk estimates for groundwater ingestion of the explosive land-use conditions were estimated. Child groundwater ingestion risks were in the range of 1×10^{-6} to 1×10^{-4} . Adult groundwater ingestion risks were within the range of 1×10^{-6} to 1×10^{-4} for all wells considered. Of the three carcinogenic explosives, RDX contributed most to the risks (with maximum RDX risks of 1.5×10^{-5} for the adult resident); 2,4-DNT and 2,4,6-TNT contributed to overall risks that were greater than 1.0 for two of the well groupings considered. For the organ/critical effect, the hazard index still exceeded 1.0 for the spleen (due to 2,4,6-TNT) in one instance.

The risk estimates for groundwater ingestion of the remaining groundwater under future land-use conditions were less than or at the low

risk
range of 1×10^{-6} to 1×10^{-4} for both adults and children. The hazard indic
adults
were all less than 1.0.

6.2 CONCLUSIONS

The results of the baseline risk assessment indicate that the
groundwater at the northern boundary could potentially result in adverse
the
groundwater were used as drinking water by residents. Although the risks
action
levels, it is apparent from the results of periodic sampling of the wells
the
levels of explosives compounds are increasing. The concentrations of exp
groundwater samples collected from monitoring wells upgradient of the nor
high
as 6,000 to 8,000 $\mu\text{g/L}$ (near Line K, approximately 3,000 feet south of th
therefore,
it is likely that concentrations of explosives compounds will continue to
of
time. The baseline risk assessment therefore indicates that interception
groundwater
is warranted.

The baseline risk assessment indicates that actual or threate
substances from this site, if not addressed by implementing the response
may present a current or potential threat to public health, welfare, or t

7.0 DESCRIPTION OF ALTERNATIVES

Remedial alternatives for groundwater were developed to satis
objectives:

Protect human health and the environment;
Attain chemical-specific ARARs and human health-based r
water exposures of future groundwater uses at the nothe
Use permanant solutions and treatment methods to the ma
Achieve a remedy in a cost effective manner.

This section presents the ARARs and to-be-considered (TBC) Gu
remediation at MAAP and describes the extraction systems, the treatm
alternatives that have been considered for groundwater at the northe

7.1 APPLICABLE OR RELEVANT AND APPROPRIATE REQUIREMENTS AND TO-BE CONSIDERED GUIDANCE

As required by the NCP, the selected alternative must be in c
are the cleanup standards, standards of control, and other substanti
requirements, criteria, or limitations promulgated under Federal or
hazardous substance, pollutant, contaminant, remedial action, locati

Superfund site. These ARARs will apply to the selected remedial alt groundwater.

7.1.1 Groundwater Cleanup Goals

EPA has developed chemical-specific criteria for contaminants this interim remedy. These criteria are the National Primary Drinking Water Act (NPDWA) which are codified in 40 CFR Part 141 as part of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). MCLs include maximum contaminant level goals (MCLGs) and maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). The MCL for nitrate is 10,000 µg/L as nitrogen (40 CFR 141.23).

The other site-related contaminants of concern in northern bo explosives compounds. Federal MCLs or State of Tennessee groundwater these compounds. Therefore, to-be-considered guidance, consisting of doses (RfDs), and cancer slope factors (CSFs) will be considered cleanup action. These health-based cleanup standards may not be met for these

EPA Health Advisories (HAs) are non-regulatory concentrations at which adverse effects would not be anticipated to occur. A marginally sensitive members of the population. The HA numbers are developed from noncarcinogenic end-points of toxicity. They do not incorporate quantitative risk from such exposure. Lifetime HAs are calculated for a 70-kg adult per day. EPA HAs are available for the principal contaminants RDX,

For the remaining contaminants of concern, risk-based chemicals have been developed using RfDs and CSFs from the EPA Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) database (USEPA, 1988). For carcinogens and suspected carcinogens (2,4-DNT and 2,4,6-TNT), the MCLs have been calculated using the assumptions of a 70-kg human and a lifetime ingestion rate of 2 L/day.

For non-carcinogens (nitrobenzene and 1,3,5-trinitrobenzene), the target concentration that will result in no adverse health effects following drinking water. For all site-related contaminants of concern, these to-be-considered groundwater are listed in Table 7-1.

7.1.2 Surface Water Discharge Limits

EPA has adopted effluent limitations and guidelines for existing point sources pursuant to Sections 301, 304, and 306 of the Clean Water Act as amended, PL92-500. Permits developed under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program for discharges to effluent-limited segments contain standards in accordance with these guidelines. Depending on the conditions of receipt involved, individually specified effluent limitations may apply. The NPDES permit includes

an effluent limitation for an additional pollutant, defined as total nitr average and 500 æg/L daily maximum.

Because of the uncertainties regarding the location and size prevent further off-site migration of the areas of contaminated groundwat have not been determined. Effluent discharge limits are developed using mass therefore, final effluent discharge limits cannot be calculated until the details of finalized. To aid in evaluation of the different extraction, treatment, and discharg discharge limits have been developed for the following situations:

Discharge into a ditch at a flow rate of 1200 gallons per min if discharge occured directly into Ditch C and/or Ditch 7.

Discharge into the Rutherford Fork at a flow rate of 50 gpm. extraction wells are placed very close to the leading edges o groundwater. In this case, the required capture zone would b would achieve the necessary degree of capture.

Discharge into the Rutherford Fork at a flow rate of 1200 gpm extraction wells were placed at the facility boundary. A hig the large downgradient area of contaminated groundwater.

The resulting potential chemical-specific effluent discharge These values are based on the following assumptions:

flow The 3-Q-20 low flow in the Rutherford Fork is 10 cubic feet p in the ditches is 0 cfs.

The hardness of the water in the Rutherford Fork has been ass This is the minimum hardness under the proposed revisions to Quality Control Standards.

The background concentrations of inorganic compounds are list exception of lead, these values were measured at Mile 2.6 of on March 15, 1993. The value for lead is the average value f samples collected by the TDEC from the Rutherford Fork at the (downstream of MAAP).

Table 7-1
Chemical-Specific Cleanup Standards for the Site-Related
In Groundwater

Contaminant of Concern	MCL or Health-Based Guidance Value (æg/L)
Nitrate	10,000 as Nitrogen

141.23)

	1,3-Dinitrobenzene	1
	2,4-Dinitrotoluene	0.5
	2,6-Dinitrotoluene	0.5
	HMX	400
	Nitrobenzene	20
	RDX	2
mg/kg-	1,3,5-Trinitrobenzene	2
	2,4,6-Trinitrotoluene	2

Table 7-2
Potential Chemical-Specific Effluent Discharg

Limit	Parameter	Stream	Chronic	Fraction	Ad
	Background Conc.2	Instream Allowable (æg/L)	Dissolved Instream (æg/L)	Chronic	Al
858	Copper	0.90	3.62	0.35	

Chromium, Total	0.90	50.0	0.20
Nickel	9.0	48.8	0.43
Cadmium	1.0	0.38	0.25
Lead	10.05	0.54	0.33
Mercury	0.01	0.01	0.32
Silver	0.19	0.37	0.35
Zinc	2.0	32.75	0.29
Total Nitrobodyies	-	-	-
pH	-	-	- 8.5
Dissolved Oxygen	-	-	-

1. These effluent discharge limits are preliminary and subject to c
with the TDEC.

2. With the exception of lead, the stream background concentration
Rockspring Branch on March
15, 1993, by the TDEC.

3. The assumed 3-Q-20 flow in the ditch is 0.

4. The 3-Q-20 flow in the Rutherford Fork is 10 cfs.

5. The value for lead is the average value from analysis of surface
from the Rutherford
Fork at the location of the Route 79 overpass (downstream of MAAP).

6. Because the background concentration exceeds the adjusted chroni
concentration, the discharge limit
has been set equal to the adjusted chronic instream allowable concen

In addition, the State of Tennessee would impose effluent dis
to 8.5 pH units), dissolved oxygen (minimum of 5 ppm) and total nitr

These effluent discharge limits are preliminary and subject t
with the TDEC.

7.1.3 Location-Specific ARARs

RCRA requirements regarding the location of hazardous waste t

appropriate requirements for this action. These requirements cover 264.18) and placement near a fault (40 CFR 264.18).

Regulations that require Federal actions to protect floodplai wetlands (40 CFR 6, Appendix A) are relevant and appropriate require

7.1.4 Action-Specific ARARs

The disposal of sludges and spent GAC will be in compliance w 260 - 270), which are relevant and appropriate requirements for this

7.2 ALTERNATIVE 1: NO ACTION

The No Action alternative, Alternative 1, has been developed active treatment alternatives. The NCP and CERCLA, as amended by SA

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alternative as a baseline for comparison of risk reduction achieved this alternative, no further action would be taken to address contam calculated in the baseline risk assessment are based on the scenario no active reduction of present or future potential risks). For the the area may be used for any purpose, including residential land use conditions, the baseline risk assessment predicts that adverse effec this alternative (i.e., hazard index greater than one) at both areas

There is no implementation time or cost associated with the N additional remedial activities will be implemented at the site.

7.3 ALTERNATIVE 2: LIMITED ACTION

The Limited Action alternative, Alternative 2, has been devel may be taken to limit human exposures to the contaminated groundwater the toxicity, mobility, or volume of contaminants, but it would redu and exposures to contaminated groundwater. The Limited Action alter the following actions:

- Institutional Restrictions;
- Public Education Programs;
- Emergency Provisions;
- Long-term Environmental Monitoring; and
- Five-year Reviews.

Institutional controls include access restrictions, deed rest Access restrictions include facility regulations to levy fines again restrictions limit the future uses at the site and require permits,

safety

precautions for any activities conducted in the vicinity of the site

wells

would be prohibited in affected areas. Education programs would be local residents of the potential site dangers. In addition, emergen would be developed for the site. These provisions would provide a p accidental exposure or sudden increase in risks at the areas of conc

hazardous

Long-term environmental monitoring would be conducted along the northern boundary. Groundwater samples would be collected at regular intervals from existing wells and analyzed for the contaminants of concern (i.e., explosives and metals). In the event of continued off-site contaminant migration, additional sampling may be conducted in surface waters, and supplementary monitoring wells may be installed. Analytical results at a minimum of every five years to meet the NCP requirement of five-year monitoring. These reports would present the analytical results and determine if chemicals remain untreated. These reports would present the analytical results to determine if additional remedial actions are required at the sites.

Although this alternative does not treat groundwater and reduce potential human exposure to the contaminants, the monitoring alternative would limit potential human exposure to the contaminants by providing monitoring data, and evaluate changes in site conditions over time. Alternative 2 are \$64,000, and annual operation and maintenance (O&M) is \$143,000. The total present worth of this alternative is \$2,262,000 at a 5% discount rate. This cost estimate assumes that no new monitoring wells are required.

7.4 COMMON ELEMENTS OF TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES 3 THROUGH 5

The remaining groundwater treatment alternatives contain seven alternatives: the "No Action" and "Limited Action" alternatives (Alternatives 1 and 2). Alternatives 3 through 5 are considered include collection technologies, on-site treatment, and discharge to surface water. Contaminated groundwater will be removed from the aquifer by extraction wells at each area of concern. The extracted water will be piped to an aboveground piping system. Each area of concern may have its own treatment system consisting of a combination of chemical and physical treatment technologies. The combination of chemical and physical processes that are used to treat the groundwater will be determined by the discharge criteria; all alternatives include similar treatment to reduce the concentration of contaminants to levels safe for discharge to surface water.

The Army has chosen the most promising and economical remedial alternative to northern boundary groundwater under this Interim Action ROD. At the northern boundary, the treatment system will be operated such that effluent discharge levels will not be excessive. Therefore, off-site residents and the environment will be protected by the treatment system. At the same time, institutional controls will preclude unauthorized access to the groundwater.

The treatment technologies introduced and described in this section are intended to protect potential groundwater users and for their potential to receive groundwater contaminated with explosives and metals. The treatment technologies will reduce the concentration of contaminants in groundwater to levels safe for discharge to surface water. The hydrogeology, groundwater extraction and ARARs for effluent discharge relevant to the treatment technologies are presented in Tables 7-1 and 7-2, respectively.

7.4.1 Extraction Systems

In screening technology types, extraction wells have been determined to be the most promising technology to extract groundwater at the northern boundary. Extraction is a well-understood technology that, given the highly transmissive and heterogeneous geology, has been implemented along the northern facility boundary.

The locations of the extraction wells will be selected based on the results of the investigation of the northern boundary area. Because the extent of the contamination is not known, the locations of the extraction wells will be selected based on the results of the investigation of the northern boundary area.

in each area is not known, the flow rate that would be required to a known. In the FFS for this project (USAEC, 1994a), assumptions were the extraction wells and the extent of contamination to arrive at cost estimating purposes. These estimates are based on incomplete data that changes will be made to the system during later stages of this project. It has been made to allow for relative cost comparisons between the various alternatives under consideration.

Factors affecting the design of the extraction system for each depth and thickness of the aquifer, the conductivity of the aquifer, contaminants in groundwater at the northern facility boundary. The alternatives discussed below have been developed on the basis of hydrogeologic modeling (USAEC, 1994a). To be conservative, costs for two separate alternatives are included in the cost estimates for each of the treatment alternatives.

7.4.1.1 Eastern Area of Concern. For the eastern area of concern, two extraction wells would be installed and would be pumped at a combined flow rate of 600 gpm.

7.4.1.2 Western Area of Concern. It has been assumed that a single extraction well would be installed and pumped at 600 gpm for the western area of concern.

7.4.2 Estimated Influent Concentrations

At the time of the FFS, insufficient data were available to predict contaminant concentrations for each area of concern. For the purpose of this study, the influent concentration of total explosives in the West Area was assumed to be the same as the influent concentration of total explosives in the East Area, based on results of analysis of development water collected in March 1994 at

wells

along the northern boundary at the facility. These assumptions have been made for preliminary purposes only.

7.4.3 Other Assumptions Used in the Cost Estimates

The on-site treatment systems are based on a proposed flow rate to reverse the groundwater gradient and, therefore, control further migration of contaminants. It has been assumed that two treatment systems would be constructed. It has been assumed that the systems may have to operate for thirty years or more. Due to the long-term and extensive administrative oversight will be required to ensure the proper operation and maintenance of this alternative.

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Long-term monitoring of influent and effluent concentrations will be required to evaluate the treatment effectiveness of the implemented alternative will be required.

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required as part of the long-term monitoring program. Institutional arrangements, and emergency provisions, similar to those included in Alternative 1, will be required.

Details of the treatment plant would be determined in the Remedial Action Plan. The construction of a treatment building heating and lighting; long-term influent, effluent, and groundwater monitoring; and review of site conditions. The cost estimates are based on vendor information.

costs.

These estimates are only preliminary estimates and are subject to change.

7.5 ALTERNATIVE 3: GMF/GAC/OFF-SITE DISCHARGE

This alternative includes all elements of the Limited Action plan. This alternative would not use the affected water as drinking water. In addition, extraction would be performed to control the off-site migration of the explosives concentrations of explosives compounds in the groundwater.

The extracted water would first be filtered using a granular media filter to remove suspended solids, which would enhance the efficiency of the subsequent treatment.

Treatment with GAC would remove explosives compounds from the first adsorption unit. The primary treatment unit, removing the majority of the explosives compounds. The second unit removes remaining explosives compounds to levels low enough to meet effluent discharge levels. Each treatment system would also include backwash service when necessary.

Spent GAC would be disposed of in accordance with applicable regulations.

This alternative would not include a treatment step for removal of metals. Therefore, for discharge into a ditch, it is possible that the effluent discharge limits. For this reason, treated water would be discharged

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into the River where the higher discharge limits would be met. Treated water would ensure adequate removal of explosives compounds and metals.

The total net present worth of Alternative 3 is estimated at \$1,070,000 over 30 years at a discount rate of 5%. This includes capital costs of \$1,070,000.

7.6 ALTERNATIVE 4: PRECIPITATION/GMF/GAC/ON-SITE DISCHARGE

This alternative includes all elements of the Limited Action plan. This alternative would not use the affected water as drinking water. In addition, extraction would be performed to control the off-site migration of the explosives concentrations of explosives compounds in the groundwater.

The treatment system for this alternative would be similar to Alternative 3, with the addition of a precipitation process. Precipitation is a chemical process that would ensure that groundwater treated by this system would meet requirements and would allow discharge of treated groundwater directly to the ditch.

The chemical precipitation process introduces hydroxide or sulfide to the water, which reacts with the metals and causes them to become heavier and ultimately settle to the bottom of the system.

The settled material would go through a filter press to concentrate the solids, which would then be tested and disposed of in accordance with applicable environmental regulations.

For this alternative, treated water would be discharged directly to the ditch.

of the precipitation process would ensure that State of Tennessee ef into a ditch would be met. Treated water would be sampled to ensure compounds and metals.

The estimated capital costs for Alternative 4 are \$9,882,000, estimated at \$1,544,000. The total present worth of this scenario i discount rate).

7.7 ALTERNATIVE 5: GMF/GAC/ION EXCHANGE/ON-SITE DISCHARGE

This alternative includes all elements of the Limited Action not use the affected water as drinking water. In addition, extracti would be performed to control the off-site migration of the explosiv concentrations of explosives compounds in the groundwater.

The treatment system for this alternative would be similar to 3, and also includes ion exchange as an additional method for remova

Ion exchange is a process that filters water through speciali water to exchange the dissolved metals for less toxic elements. Reg occur every thirty days, producing residuals that could be shipped o accordance with applicable environmental laws and regulations.

For this alternative, treated water would be discharged direc of the precipitation process would ensure that State of Tennessee ef into a ditch would be met. Treated water would be sampled to ensure compounds and metals.

The total net present worth for Alternative 5 is estimated at at a discount rate of 5%. This includes capital costs of \$11,262,00 \$1,725,000.

8.0 SUMMARY OF COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES

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This section evaluates and compares each of the alternatives respect to the nine criteria used to assess remedial alternatives as NCP. Each of the nine criteria are briefly described below. All of treatment and discharge of groundwater (Alternatives 3 through 5) we criteria of protection of human health and the environment and compl alternatives meet the primary balancing criteria to different degree relative strengths and weaknesses of the different remedial alternat comparative analysis of alternatives. As previously discussed, the

Alternative 1: No Action;
Alternative 2: Limited Action;
Alternative 3: GMF/GAC/Discharge to the Rutherford Fork
Alternative 4: Precipitation/GMF/GAC/Discharge to on-sit
Alternative 5: GMF/GAC/Ion Exchange/Discharge to on-site

8.1 NINE EVALUATION CRITERIA

Section 300.430 (e) of the NCP lists nine criteria by which e assessed. The acceptability or performance of each alternative agai individually so that relative strengths and weaknesses may be identi

The detailed criteria are briefly defined as follows:

Overall Protection of Human Health and Environment is use remedy provides adequate protection against harmful effec health or environmental risks are eliminated, reduced, or engineering controls, or institutional controls.

Compliance with ARARs addresses whether a remedy will mee relevant and appropriate requirements of Federal and Stat the remedy provides a basis for invoking a waiver.

Long-term Effectiveness and Permanence refers to the magn the ability of a remedy to maintain reliable protection o environment, over time, once clean-up goals have been met

Reductlon of Toxicity, Mobility, or Volume through Treatm performance of the treatment technologies employed in a r

Short-term Effectiveness refers to the speed with which t as well as the potential to create adverse impacts on hum during the construction and implementation period.

Implementability is the technical and administrative feas availability of materials and services needed to implemen

Cost includes both capital and O&M costs.

State Acceptance indicates whether, based on its review o Proposed Plan, the State concurs with, opposes, or has no alternative.

Community Acceptance is assessed following a review of th on the RI/FS Report and the Proposed Plan.

The NCP (Section 300.430 (f) states that the first two criter environment and compliance with ARARs, are "threshold criteria" whic remedial action. The next five criteria are "primary balancing crit

group

must be balanced. The preferred alternative will be that alternativ and the environment, is ARAR-compliant, and provides the best combin attributes. The final two criteria, state and community acceptance, evaluated following comment on the RI/FS reports and the Proposed Pl

8.2 PROTECTION OF HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Current levels of groundwater contamination pose unacceptable groundwater were used as drinking water. In addition, the results o

samples collected at the northern boundary indicate that the levels increasing. Because the concentrations of explosives in groundwater

boundary

area are high (on the order of 6,000 to 8,000 µg/L near Line K), the compounds in OU3 northern boundary groundwater are expected to incre

(No Action) would not meet this criterion because no actions are taken to exposure pathways. The threshold criterion of protection of human health not be achieved by Alternative 1. Therefore, Alternative 1 is eliminated alternatives.

Alternative 2, Limited Action, would provide some protection implementing and maintaining access and land-use restrictions. These and exposure. Because actions would be taken to prevent exposures to to monitor the distribution and mobility of contaminants, Alternative

of

overall protection of human health and the environment. However, im

would

not reduce contaminant levels or prevent migration of contaminants or may not permanently reduce access to contaminated groundwater in the

Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 would protect human health and the environment contaminated groundwater, controlling mobility of contaminants, and of these three treatment alternatives would provide protection of human health through extraction and treatment of groundwater.

8.3 COMPLIANCE WITH ARARS

Alternative 2 would meet the threshold criterion of compliance groundwater standards do not exist for the explosives compounds.

Each of the remaining alternatives (Alternatives 3, 4, and 5) treatment of the groundwater, would be operated in compliance with a that apply to groundwater treatment facilities. Under each of these groundwater would be removed from the aquifer underlying the area no

boundary. The extraction of contaminated water would control the future groundwater and reduce the levels of contaminants in groundwater. T discharged to the Rutherford Fork or the on-site ditches in compliance discharge limits. In combination with land use restrictions that would groundwater as drinking water, implementation of any of these alternatives protection of human health and the environment.

8.4 LONG-TERM EFFECTIVENESS AND PERMANENCE

Alternative 2, Limited Action, would not provide long-term effectiveness human health and the environment because no action would be taken to of explosives compounds in off-site groundwater.

Alternative 3 through 5 include groundwater extraction and treatment effective, permanent treatment of contaminants in groundwater. However upgradient groundwater occurs, the natural migration of contaminated

continue. Under these conditions, continuous extraction and treatment of the groundwater to the northern boundary would be needed.

GMF (included in Alternatives 3 through 5) would effectively remove material and associated inorganic contaminants from the groundwater. Material removed by GMF must be dewatered and disposed, but these residuals are due to the low concentrations of metals in groundwater. These residuals determine proper disposal methods.

The effectiveness of the GAC system (included in Alternatives 3 through 5) depends on groundwater contact time with the carbon, the size and type of carbon, and the concentration of contaminants in water. The pH of the wastewater may also affect the system. Most of these parameters are known based on similar applications, and the system would effectively and permanently remove explosives compounds from the extracted groundwater.

Spent carbon that is generated by these systems would be disposed in accordance with applicable environmental laws and regulations.

Residuals generated by precipitation and ion exchange processes

for Alternatives 4 and 5, respectively, would be disposed of properly. The sludge produced by the ion exchange process

would be tested periodically to determine hazardous characteristics, and if found to be a hazardous waste due to the low concentrations of toxic metals in it, the sludge generated by ion exchange regeneration would be disposed of in accordance with applicable environmental laws and regulations.

8.5 REDUCTION OF TOXICITY, MOBILITY, OR VOLUME THROUGH TREATMENT

Alternative 2, Limited Action, would not meet this criterion because groundwater treatment would not be performed.

Implementation of Alternatives 3 through 5 would result in a reduction in the volume of the contaminants through treatment. The volume of contaminants would be reduced by removing contaminated groundwater from the aquifer and treating it with GMF and GAC units. Mobility of contaminants would be reduced by controlling

the extraction of contaminated groundwater. The combination of the GMF and GAC units, GMF and precipitation, and GAC units (Alternative 4), or GMF, ion exchange and precipitation, would reduce the toxicity by removing inorganic and organic contaminants from the groundwater.

8.6 SHORT-TERM EFFECTIVENESS

Alternative 2, Limited Action, would provide limited effectiveness. At the present time, off-site residents are not exposed to the contaminated groundwater. Alternative 2 would include land-use restrictions to preclude the use of the groundwater for drinking water, but active control of the migration of contaminated groundwater would not be performed.

Construction of the extraction system, treatment facility, and monitoring system for Alternatives 3 through 5 would be completed with standard construction equipment and methods. Construction risks would be minimal.

to workers beyond those risks inherent in construction projects. Li located within the vicinity of the site would be unaffected by the c

The length of time required to design and construct the treat alternatives would range from 18 to 24 months. This time estimate i and review, preparation of bid packages, selection of contractors an equipment installation, and start-up.

8.7 IMPLEMENTABILITY

Implementation of Alternative 2, Limited Action, would consis education programs, emergency provisions, long-term environmental mo All of these components of Alternative 2 could be readily implemente

The treatment processes that are proposed in Alternatives 3, and wastewater treatment systems and are commercially available. Ex contaminants in extracted groundwater would be adequately removed th treatment processes. Electricity is the only utility that is requir it can be made available at each site.

The extraction systems for Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 would be Government property, then they must be high-yield wells capable of s rates. If the wells are located near the leading edges of the areas lease agreement must be negotiated with the landowner to allow for i maintenance.

than
The treatment system for Alternative 3 would be the easiest t to the simplicity of the system. The treatment system for Alternati that for Alternative 4 because the ion exchange system included in A automated operation and would have fewer operating and maintenance r precipitation process that is included in Alternative 4.

Alternative
The treated water discharge system for Alternatives 4 and 5 w the discharge system for Alternative 3 because of the shorter distan on-site ditches and the fact that discharge would take place on Gove private property. An NPDES permit would not be required for on-site required for discharge to the Rutherford Fork. To install and opera

3, a lease agreement must be negotiated with the landowner. Also, u feet of underground discharge piping must be maintained.

alternatives
For Alternatives 3, 4, and 5, extensive administrative oversi proper operation and maintenance and overall performance of the pref treatment system would require long-term monitoring of influent and residuals, and analysis of treatment effectiveness. Five-year reviews wo long-term monitoring program. The tasks associated with coordinating and are feasible and implementable.

8.8 COST

The estimated costs for Alternatives 2 through 5 are included in T include treatment systems for both areas of concern. Although Alternativ estimated costs, it does not meet the threshold criterion of compliance with ARARs. expensive of the three alternatives that include groundwater treatment. discharge to the Rutherford Fork, which allows greater flexibility in the degree of discharge to the on-site ditches. Alternatives 4 and 5 provide for treatment for i needed for discharge to the on-site ditches. Alternative 4 is slightly less exp

The cost estimates contain a significant degree of uncertainit The capital costs for each of the treatment alternatives have the gr prices for the treatment units may be considerably lower after competitiv discounts. For the cost estimates presented in Section 7, installation costs were as equipment capital costs; however, this assumption may prove to be conside treatment system, installation costs ranged from 3 to 5 times the capital

O&M costs for the different treatment processes may also be s is operational. The O&M costs for GAC are most uncertain and will affect each alternative. The assumed GAC usage rate (0.1 lbs. GAC exhausted per 1,00 based on vendor information for a similar application with higher explosives co rather than the 100 æg/L or lower for northern boundary groundwater). This usag different at full-scale operation. The inorganics treatment processes (GMF, ion ex have similarly uncertain O&M costs because of the uncertain inorganics influen

8.9 STATE ACCEPTANCE

Overall, the Record of Decision is acceptable to the Tennessee Conservation (TDEC). It is the understanding of TDEC that this interim r control the migration of contaminated groundwater off-site at the northern boundary w this understanding, the Army should be flexible in its location of extraction capacities to maximize contaminant of the groundwater contamination along the entire within OU3.

Table 8-1
Summary of Estimated Costs for Alternatives 2 Through

Costs in 1994 Dollars	
Alternative	Description

		Capital Cost	Annual O&M Cost
2	Limited Action	\$64,000	\$143,000
3	GMF/GAC	\$5,290,000	\$1,070,000
4	Precipitation/GMF/GAC	\$9,882,000	\$1,544,000
5	GMF/GAC/Ion Exchange	\$11,262,000	\$1,725,000

8.10 COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE

Comments and responses from the July 12, 1994 Public Meeting included in the Responsiveness Summary (Appendix A). All comments were favorable toward the selection of Alternative 3. No written comments were received during the Public Comment Period.

8.11 SUMMARY OF DETAILED EVALUATION

The following is a brief summary of the evaluated alternative

Alternative 1 would not be protective of human health and

Alternative 2 would provide limited protection of human health through the implementation of land use restrictions that would protect contaminated groundwater as drinking water. However, these measures would not provide long-term protection of human health and the environment and would not control the off-site migration of contaminated groundwater.

Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 would meet all ARARs and be protective of the environment. Implementation of these extraction/treatment alternatives would control the migration of explosives compounds and reduce the levels of explosives in off-post groundwater.

Alternatives 4 and 5 provide additional treatment for inorganic water criteria for discharge into the on-site ditches would be met. require piping the treated water to the Rutherford Fork of the Obolton effluent discharge criteria would be met.

Of the three alternatives that include groundwater treatment cost option. The cost of implementing Alternative 3 would be approximately the same as the cost of implementing Alternatives 4 and 5.

Based on the comparative analysis of alternatives as presented, the recommended remedy is Alternative 3.

9.0 SELECTED REMEDY

Based upon consideration of the requirements of CERCLA, the d
alternatives, and public comments, the Army, with the concurrence of EPA
determined
that extraction of groundwater with treatment through the implementation
GAC, and
off-site surface water discharge) is the most appropriate remedy for cont
northern boundary of MAAP in Tennessee.

This remedy includes the design and implementation of an inte
human health and the environment. The goal of this remedial action is to
the
explosives compounds in groundwater through the implementation of land us
the
migration of contaminated groundwater off site, and to reduce the concent
compounds in off-site groundwater. In addition, the action includes the
and
contaminant response to remediation measures. This remedial action will
determine the effectiveness of this remedy and to ensure that hydraulic c
plume
is maintained. After the period of time necessary to arrive at a final d
ROD for
groundwater, which specifies the ultimate goal, remedy, and anticipated r
be
prepared. This interim remedial action system may be incorporated into t
remedy
for OU3 specified in the final ROD.

The implementation time for Alternative 3 is approximately 18-24 m
includes the treatment system design and review, and preparation of bid p
design
phase, the system construction will begin. This includes selection of co
suppliers,
installation, and start up. Although this section presents details of th
changes
may be made based on the remedial design and construction processes.

9.1 EXTRACTION SYSTEMS

Alternative 3 will include extraction systems for the areas
the
northern boundary. Because of the limited data presently available conce
horizontal
extent of groundwater contamination in the off-post area, the locations o
extraction rates have been determined. These parameters will be determin
Design phase.

9.2 TREATMENT AND DISCHARGE COMPONENTS: ALTERNATIVE 3

This alternative would use GMF for the removal of suspended s
contaminants. GAC would be used for the removal of explosive contaminant
for
discharge to surface water (see Figure 9-1). Treated water would be disc
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Fork of the Obion River.

Water from each extraction system will first be filtered using a percentage of 75% should adequately pretreat groundwater by capturing suspended solids. This may reduce the efficiency of the subsequent GAC adsorption system. Besides reducing the concentration of explosives, the GAC system to levels acceptable for GAC, will also remove the suspended solids and associated organic compounds from the groundwater.

After pretreatment with GMF, the pH of the aqueous stream may be adjusted to an optimal adsorption with GAC. Groundwater pH at the northern boundary is neutral pH of 7.0. Optimal GAC adsorption of explosives occurs at a pH of 7.0. An occasional pH adjustment may be required.

Treatment with GAC will reduce the concentrations of explosives in the groundwater. The GAC system will be sized based on the flow rate of the groundwater and the concentrations of explosives compounds. A contact time of approximately 10 minutes is adequate for removal of the explosives compounds to the effluent discharge. The effluent will be disposed in a landfill or through reclamation companies which supplement for industrial processes.

Treated water will be discharged to the Rutherford Fork of the Obion River. The Rutherford Fork allows greater flexibility in treatment system operation through a pipe installed below grade from the treatment plants to the discharge point. The discharge will be in accordance with the requirements of the NPDES permit.

9.3 MONITORING

A monitoring program will be developed and implemented during construction to ensure that hydraulic control of the groundwater at the northern boundary is maintained. Inward and upward gradient within the aquifer must exist to prevent contaminated groundwater at the northern boundary. Information necessary for this monitoring includes:

- horizontal and vertical gradients in the groundwater along the northern boundary;
- horizontal and vertical contaminant distributions;
- changes in contaminant concentration or distribution over time;
- effects of any modifications to the original interim response action.

To provide this information, the groundwater containment performance monitoring program will include, at a minimum, the following: locations of new or existing monitoring wells; frequency of water quality sampling; analytical parameters to be monitored; and analytical methods to be employed; field sampling methods; specific

locations, methods, and frequencies using new or existing wells; and

The monitoring plan will include the specification of the time to assess the effectiveness of this interim remedy. Adjustments may be made to the treatment systems, as indicated by the results of the evaluation. The plan may be limited to, installation of additional extraction or monitoring wells, or monitoring well locations, and increase or decrease in the extraction

9.3.1 Effluent Monitoring Program

A monitoring plan for the effluent from the treatment plant is being developed during the interim response action to ensure that control of the effluent water discharge. A monitoring program shall be developed during the interim response action to provide periodic and/or continuous information on the chemical constituency

To provide this information, the effluent monitoring program will include the following: analysis of composite samples for total suspended solids and explosives compounds (treatment plant influent concentrations will be used as parameters.)

9.4 INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS

The Army will ensure protection of future users of groundwater by instituting institutional controls to prevent ingestion of contaminants of concern at the northern boundary. These institutional controls will be implemented as follows:

The groundwater at the northern boundary will not be used if the levels of contaminants are higher than health-based levels. The MAAP Environmental Office will review all projects and leases for potential groundwater usage at the facility. Any well installed within the facility will be used for monitoring purposes only.

In addition, a continuing program of public awareness will be used to inform the public of the contaminants that remain in groundwater along the northern boundary.

9.5 REMEDIATION GOALS

The goal of this remedial action is to reduce the potential for groundwater contamination to the extent practicable with the proposed technology. Active remediation in conjunction with natural attenuation in the aquifer will be used to ensure that contaminated groundwater does not adversely affect future groundwater use. Institutional controls will be used to prevent future usage of contaminated groundwater. Public awareness of the site conditions will be maintained.

The remediation goals for this action are to reduce the level of groundwater contamination to the chemical-specific, risk-based groundwater cleanup levels. Effluent treated effluent will be discharged to the Rutherford Fork of the Obion River. The chemical-specific effluent discharge limits listed in Table 7-2.

9.5.1 Achievement of Remediation Goals

Results from studies performed on explosives-contaminated groundwater elsewhere indicate that groundwater may be treated to levels below that (Table 7-2) using GAC. Therefore, treatment of northern boundary groundwater implementation of the selected remedy will reduce the hazards posed

9.6 COST OF THE SELECTED REMEDY

The total capital cost for Alternative 3 has been estimated. Total costs are estimated at \$1,070,000 per year. The total present worth is estimated at \$22,739,000. The cost estimates are preliminary and are based on construction unit costs and vendor information in Table 9-1.

The design and construction of the treatment system will take 18 months. This time estimate includes the treatment system design and review, selection of contractors and equipment suppliers, construction, equipment

Assumptions were made about several factors that affect the total cost of the alternative. The major assumption for this cost estimate is the treatment system corresponding equipment sizes. A flow rate of 600 gpm has been assumed. It should be noted that these are the highest flow rates under consideration. If the flow rates of the extraction wells, the flow rates may be much less. A reduction in flow rate (a total of 1,200 gpm) would lead to much lower construction

system.

Other assumptions include:

Influent contaminant concentrations have been estimated. If actual concentrations are lower than those assumed, then the operating costs would be reduced. It is expected that the influent concentrations will be those estimated, rather than higher.

Installation costs of treatment systems have been assumed to be 10% of the equipment cost. The actual installation costs may be higher or lower.

Health and safety considerations. For the cost estimate, health and safety costs are assumed to be 10% of the capital subtotal. Based on actual investigation and construction methods, health and safety costs may be higher or lower.

Table 9-1
Summary of Costs for the Selected Remedy: Alternative 3
Extraction/GMF/GAC/Discharge to the Rutherford River

ITEM	COST
Capital Costs	
Administrative Actions	
Site Preparation and General Actions	

Extraction & Conveyance Systems

Treatment Buildings & Equipment

Discharge Systems

Long-Term Monitoring

Contingencies (40% of Capital Subtotal)

Engineering & Design (25% of Capital Subtotal plus
Contingencies)

Equipment Installation Costs (100% of treatment system costs)

Permitting & Coordination

Annual Operation and Maintenance Costs

Program Oversight

Extraction & Treatment Systems

Long-Term Monitoring & Five-Year Reviews

Contingencies (25% of Annual Subtotal)

Present Worth of Annual O&M (30 years, 5% discount rate)

Total Present Worth (Capital and Annual Costs, 30 years at 5%
discount rate)

10.0 STATUTORY DETERMINATIONS

Executive Order 12580 delegates the authority for carrying out Sections 104(a), (b), and (c)(4) and 121 to the Department of Defense. Section 120 of the Act. Therefore, under its legal authorities, the

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is to undertake a remedial action that achieves adequate protection. In addition, Section 121 of CERCLA establishes several other statutory requirements. These specify that when complete, the final remedial action for the site must comply with applicable or relevant and appropriate environmental standards and State environmental laws unless a statutory waiver is justified. The action must be effective and utilize permanent solutions and alternative treatment technologies to the maximum extent practicable. Finally, the statute requires that the remedy employ treatment that permanently and significantly reduce the hazardous substances as their principal element. The following section describes the remedy is consistent with these statutory requirements as far as practicable.

10.1 PROTECTION OF HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The selected remedy will control the migration of explosives area and reduce the levels of explosives compounds in off-post ground contaminated groundwater, treats it to remove contaminants below the listed in Table 7-2 of this ROD, and discharges the treated water to quality will be improved by implementation of the selected remedy and will be significantly reduced. No unacceptable short-term risks or implementation of the remedy.

Although contamination will remain in the groundwater above h controls will prevent contact with these contaminants until a final

10.2 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE OR RELEVANT AND APPROPRIATE REQUIREMENTS

The ARARs for this remedial action include action-specific, c requirements. TBC guidances are also listed.

10.2.1 Chemical-Specific ARARs and To-Be-Considered Guidance

This remedy will be operated in accordance with all Federal a facility requirements.

10.2.1.1 Groundwater Quality.

The MCL for nitrate (40 CFR 141.23) is a relevant and appropriate EPA Health Advisories and health-based cleanup standards calc Doses and Cancer Slope Factors (listed in Table 7-1) are to-b

10.2.1.2 Surface Water Discharge.

Effluent discharge limits assigned by the State of Tennessee applicable. These limits are based on Federal Ambient Water under the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1314(a)(1)) and the Rule of Environment and Conservation (Chapter 1200-4-3). Prelimin presented in Table 7-2. For discharge to the Rutherford Fork required. The permit limits are applicable requirements.

10.2.2 Location-Specific ARARs

RCRA requirements regarding the location of hazardous waste t appropriate. These requirements cover placement on a floodpl placement near a fault (40 CFR 264.18).

Regulations that require Federal actions to protect floodplai protect wetlands (40 CFR 6, Appendix A) are relevant and appr

10.2.3 Action-Specific ARARs

The disposal of sludges and spent GAC will be performed in co

(40 CFR 260 - 270), which are relevant and appropriate.

10.3 COST EFFECTIVENESS

By implementing GAC for the treatment of explosives in ground represents the best cost/benefit ratio, being only incrementally more while providing greater protection to human health and the environment.

10.4 UTILIZATION OF PERMANENT SOLUTIONS AND ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES (OR RESOURCE RECOVERY TECHNOLOGIES) TO THE MAXIMUM PRACTICABLE

EXTENT

The selected remedy is not designed or expected to be the final for the site because upgradient groundwater is contaminated with higher concentrations. However, the remedy represents the best balance of trade-offs among

scope

of the action. The selected remedy permanently removes contaminants and discharges the treated water to nearby surface water. GAC will treat groundwater in this remedy.

The remedy was selected with consideration given to the five criteria. The selected remedy is the most effective alternative because it removes both suspended and organic contaminants from the groundwater. This remedy also reduces the volume of the groundwater through active extraction and treatment. Short-term and long-term roles in the selection of a remedy because all alternatives require a pump-and-treat system and a treatment plant. The selected remedy, however, is slightly less expensive because this remedy does not generate a large quantity of residuals as do the alternatives with secondary treatment for inorganic analysis. The selected remedy is less costly than the active treatment alternatives and will protect human health.

Of the five primary balancing criteria discussed above, long-term protection and cost were the most decisive factors. The selected remedy provides for attaining the required degree of treatment effectiveness. EPA, the Army, and the State accept this alternative.

10.5 PREFERENCE FOR TREATMENT AS A PRINCIPAL ELEMENT

The selected remedy satisfies the statutory preference to utilize the maximum extent practicable. A proven technology for removing organic contaminants from groundwater such that the treatment system discharges contaminants above the discharge levels presented in Section 9.5.

Contaminants in the groundwater which have been detected above background levels pose a potential threat to the health of future residents if they are not removed. By extracting the contaminated groundwater, treating it through the use of GAC to meet remediation goals, and discharging it to surface water, this remedy addresses off-site groundwater conditions and reducing the potential health risk.

This interim remedy only addresses groundwater at the northern address source areas or other areas of contaminated groundwater. The potential for future contamination will be addressed by the Army.

11.0 DOCUMENTATION OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES

The Proposed Plan for Northern Boundary Groundwater, Milan A released for public comment on July 1, 1994. The Proposed Plan iden GMF/GAC/Discharge to the Rutherford Fork, as the preferred alternati

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of Tennessee reviewed and considered all comments received during th of these comments, it was determined that no significant changes to identified in the Proposed Plan, were necessary.

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APPENDIX A
Responsiveness Summary

Comments Received at the Public Meeting/Availability Session
July 12, 1994

I'm Bob Perkins, resident of Milan, editor and publisher of the Mila attending these meetings for several years and I think it's very commendable the pr in this cleanup effort. It seems to me and the community that the Army some the efforts in spending all this money, but we appreciate the efforts they go hazards. We think they are right on target and we appreciate their good work.

I'm Robert Vawter. My comment on - I prefer using object number 3, conservative. I'm also on the Board of Utilities here, too. And I liked it sounded this afternoon. It was very satisfying. I was very pleased as a that's all I've got to say.

My name is Keaton Webb. I am Superintendent of the Utilities Department reviewed with Randy Cerar the proposed cleanup of the groundwater on the Northern alternatives that we have discussed and the presentations that I have observed alternative 3 represents the most feasible and economical solution to this would favor alternative 3.

My name is Bill Ownby. I've just gone through the review of what the Arsenal. Right now, I'm not as familiar with it as I would like to be and that's what about it so I don't really have anything scientific that I could use or say about drinking water up until they closed the Milan well. I've been on bought have a big interest in seeing that the water is cleaned up, whether this is the have no idea. But I'm just not getting involved with it so I can become more

My name is Betty Williamson and I approve of the plans they have for the

Bill Bruce. I'm with the Milan Education System. I'm rather impressed particularly Nora's explanation to Dr. McAdoo and I. It seems to be well developed.

We're interested as Dr. McAdoo mentioned in the long-range consideration they

have looked into that. I'm very anxious to see that we are addressing a my students have expressed concerns and I assume those concerns come from the able to through the work of this committee, address those concerns and I biggest problems - is a lack of information.

Micky McAdoo. I'm a local physician here in Milan. Likewise, I have that's been disseminated tonight and just talking with Nora about the over areas of concern, the plan of monitoring the circumference of the Milan Army Am area, plans to treat the groundwater, and also concerned about the long range e Milan being a home for several families, looking at what 30 to 50 years of water have on people to make a decision to settle here, raise their families and continue Milan. I think that the immediate as well as long-range plan is one concern that that this is an open public forum that doesn't appear to have any secrets, that everything, that we're not basically looking at tip of an iceberg or something consume the community but something that the community can feel good about addressed properly and feel safe when they turn on their faucets and obtain some drinking Tennessee. So, I look forward to seeing this committee go forward.

My name is Paul Phelan. I'm from Trenton. I am a State Representative Counties. I've been to the first meeting. I came over here - I was of the problem, the nature of the problem, how the contamination occurred moving, and what kind of time schedule that it was moving as far as space people through the pavilion or whatever, the little program you've got set alternative? I agree with the choice, I do. I believe it was altered now to go with alternative 3 and maybe the Board can kinda stay on top of on further down the road that we need to do something else, well we somewhere and I totally agree with alternative 3.

I'm John Fuqua and I came down to the meeting tonight looking at the I think the proposal we are selecting or looking at is probably the do. We can spend billions of dollars on this kind of project, but we do to continue to treat and clean up not only this area but all area way I stand right now.

Responses to Public Comments

In response to the comment made by Mr. Parkins, the Army would like every effort is being made to appropriately administer funds toward clean-human health and the environment. This project represents a high priority groundwater at the northern boundary of the facility has been affected

compounds from the facility. The primary goal of the environmental community from contaminants that originated at the facility.

In response to the comments from Mr. Ownby and Dr. McAdoo, the Army project is not connected to the detection of explosives compounds in groundwater from OU3 is migrating toward the north, and not toward the problem of explosives compounds in the Milan city wells, the Army is

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for replacement of the production wells and maintenance of the new w